HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS **ASSISTING** COMMUNITIES (HSIAC) **PROGRAM**

Purpose of the Program

To assist Hispanic-Serving Institutions of higher education expand their role and effectiveness in addressing community development needs in their localities, including neighborhood revitalization, housing and economic development, principally for person of low-moderateincome.

Eligible Applicants

- Nonprofit Hispanic-Serving Institutions of higher education that meet the definition determined by the U.S. Department of Education.
- In order to meet this definition, at least 25% of the full-time undergraduate students enrolled in an institution must be Hispanic and not less than 50% of these students must be low-moderate income individuals.

Award Information

In FY'06, approximately \$6 million has been made available for award.

The maximum amount an applicant can request for award is \$600,000 for a three-year (36 months) grant performance period.

Major Modifications to the FY'06 Program Announcement

Commitment letters, memoranda of understanding and/or agreements are not required at the time of application submission but must be on file.

Major Modifications to the FY'06 Program Announcement (cont.)

Applicants selected for award will be required to submit the signed commitment letters, memoranda of understanding and/or agreements outlined in the application, within twenty (20) calendar days after initial contact from the Office of University Partnerships (OUP)

Major Modifications to the FY'06 Program Announcement (cont.) **HUD** will only request and consider the resources/ organizations outlined in the application. If these documents are not received in the format and allotted frame-time an applicant will not receive points under this factor and the application will be rated and ranked accordingly for award.

Major Modifications to the FY'06 Program Announcement (cont.)

In scoring this factor HUD will rate applicants that provide leveraging amount as requested under this program and documented properly.

Major Modifications to the FY'06 Program Announcement (cont.)

Current HSIAC grantees no longer have to draw down 75% of the funding awarded under past grants prior to this application deadline date to be eligible to apply for funding under this NOFA.

Application Submission

Electronic applications must be <u>received</u> and <u>validated</u> by 11:59:59 PM on:

May 22, 2006

Please check he General Section of the SuperNOFA for all registration and submission requirements.

Rating Factors for Award

Factor 1- Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Organizational Experience (25 Points)

 Knowledge and Experience - for First Time Applicants (25 Points).

For Previously Funded Applicants (10 Points).

 <u>Past Performance</u> – (15 points) - For Previously Funded Applicants.

Rating Factors for Award (con't)

Factor 2 - Need/Extent of the Problem (10 Points)

Extent and urgency of need and indication of importance in meeting the need(s)

- Applicants must use current data specific to the target area.
- Reliable data sources can be found at www.econdata.com or www.ffiec.gov

Rating Factors for Award (con't)

Factor 3 - Soundness of Approach (44 Points)

- Quality of the Work Plan (37 Points)
- Involvement of Faculty and Students.
 (3 Points)
- HUD Policy Priorities (2 Points)
- Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very-Low Income persons (provision of Section 3). (2 Points)

Rating Factors for Award-Cont

Factor 4 - Leveraging Resources (9 Points)

Factor 5 - Achieving Results and Program Evaluation (12 Points)

Additional Information

 Review the Threshold Requirements for funding as outlined under this program NOFA and the General Section of the SuperNOFA.

APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

Additional information (con't)

- Make sure you are registered. For general information and step-by-step instructions call Grants. Gov Contact Center at 800-518-GRANTS (4726) or email <u>support@grants</u>.
- Remember each year you must renew your registration.

Additional information (con't)

- The narrative section of the application must not exceed 50 pages (excluding forms, budget narrative, assurances, and abstracts).
- The application must be doubled spaced on one side, with one inch margins from top to bottom, left to right and printed in standard 12 point font. Each page must include the applicant's name and should be numbered.
- The RC/EZ/EC-II, as described in the General Section does not apply to this program.

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